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JOHN OBERSHAN: The General Accounting Office, at the request of Senator Charles Percy of Illinois, is compiling a list of all government agencies involved in official snooping.

Senator Percy released a preliminary report earlier this month indicating at least sixty federal agencies have some intelligence gathering functions, including such unlikely candidates as the Library of Congress.

WTOP's Ernie Moyer has a look at official spying in and around Washington.

ERNIE MOYER: The Nation's Capital is virtually ringed by five spy organizations. There's the CIA headquarters in suburban Virginia, the National Security Agency at Fort Meade. The Pentagon maintains intelligence operations in the Army, Navy and Air Force. The Pentagon also oversees the National Reconnaissance Office which operates a spy satellite program, and there's the FBI.

In their book, "The CIA and The Cult of Intelligence," authors John Marks and Victor Marchetti say the FBI and NSA are involved in operations against foreign embassies here.

The FBI allegedly operates a wiretap program against embassies with the help of the C&P Telephone Company. NSA is said to intercept and decipher diplomatic communications.

Marchetti says the CIA aids NSA in less technical means of code-breaking, such as stealing code books or suborning embassy personnel. And, Marchetti says, that's not all.

VICTOR MARCHETTI: The FBI and the CIA have over the years, despite their frictions, cooperated on operations of mutual interests both here and abroad.

And I think it's only reasonable to assume that these sorts of things do go on in this country. The CIA has a domestic operations base stationed right here in Washington, and they have bases throughout this

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country, and they have a division in their clandestine services which is charged with domestic activities. And this would be among their -- their missions and functions.

MOYE: Marchetti and Marks say the CIA tries to recruit foreign students studying in the United States and tries to suborn foreign military officers to come here to train.

They say the CIA sometimes ask Americans traveling abroad to be on the lookout for certain intelligence information. Marchetti and Marks say in fact the CIA sees most everyone as a potential resource or target.

This is Ernie Moya.

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